

OPINION 1310

EUTERMES EXITIOSUS HILL, 1925 (INSECTA, ISOPTERA):
CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *australis* Walker, 1853, as published in the binomen *Termes australis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *exitiosus* Hill, 1925, as published in the binomen *Eutermes exitiosus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2951.

(3) The specific name *australis* Walker, 1853, as published in the binomen *Termes australis*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1143.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2290

An application for the conservation of *Eutermes exitiosus* Hill, 1925 was first received from Dr J. A. L. Watson and Dr F. J. Gay (*Division of Entomology, CSIRO, Canberra, Australia*) on 7 November 1978. It was held back pending the publication of a paper on the lectotype of *Termes australis* Walker, 1853, but was sent to the printer on 12 August 1980 and published on 30 April 1981 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, pp. 142–146. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and seven entomological serials. No comments were received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)37 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, p. 144. At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — fifteen (15) received in the following order:

Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Schuster, Savage, Heppell, Binder, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Kraus, Brinck, Corliss

Negative Vote — one (1) Hahn.

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Cogger, Dupuis, Lehtinen and Willink.

Hahn commented: '*Termes australis* should be suppressed only if competing with *E. exitiosus*, not completely.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
australis, *Termes*, Walker, 1853, *List specs neuropt. Ins. Coll. brit. Mus.*, part 3, p. 525
exitiosus, *Eutermes*, Hill, 1925, *Proc. roy. Soc. Victoria N.S.* vol. 37, p. 222.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)37 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1310.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

25 October 1984